

CHARITON COURIER

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YOUR Uncle Marcus was very much scared for nothing.

THE editorial profession is in despair. Dowie says he hates it.

THERE is so much graft in Chicago the committee is unable to select a beginning point.

THEY say Oily Rockefeller has annexed the recent aurora borealis and will use it for a halo.

MR. GROSVENOR will now retire from his wigwag and prognosticate on the election of 1904.

No announcement has yet been made of the price May Geolet paid for her English duke.

It has been definitely settled that neither Tom Johnson or Seth Low will make the race for president.

THE result in Maryland would seem to make Gorman a strong candidate for the presidential nomination.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has written his name on the halls of fame by sending a short message to congress.

THE sessions of the Missouri legislature have generally contributed very liberally to the exchequer of the people of Jefferson City, but the people of Cole county are now being taxed an enormous sum in the way of criminal costs as a result of legislative boodling.

GORMAN and Morgan are treading a dangerous road in reviving the old civil war issues. The old sores are almost healed, and it is in exceeding bad taste to wave the bloody shirt at this late day. We want no more strife between North and South, and the great mass of the people are a unit in this opinion.

MARSHALL FIELD, the big Chicago dry goods merchant, is of the opinion that the business depression has reached its lowest point for a number of years to come, and that from now on we will see a gradual increase in the manufacturing world. He is also of the opinion that the hard lines in which the trusts have been plunged will be for the general welfare of the country, and that the financial situation will hereafter be on a sound and conservative basis.

THE problem of hog cholera, its cause and remedy, has puzzled the heads of agriculturalists and veterinary surgeons for many years, but, according to Secretary Ellis of the state board of agriculture, Prof. Luckey, state veterinarian, thinks the overflow of last spring has eradicated the disease by washing away the germs and dead bodies; but, like many other theories, that of Prof. Luckey has proven abortive when the test of time is applied. Probably Chariton county had as great a share of the overflow as any county in the state, but this county has had its full share hog cholera this fall.

DRUGSTORE whiskey-sellers can be knocked out if the right kind of officials come in contact with them. Circuit Judge Ellison recently sprang a surprise on drugstore proprietors who sell whiskey for a beverage in Worth county. Heretofore it had been the custom to indict these law-breakers once a year and fine them \$40, each. The last grand jury indicted every drugstore-keeper in the county and all pleaded guilty to the charge except two. In sentencing them Judge Ellison fined them \$300, each, and two years in the penitentiary. He then paroled them provided they maintained good behavior during the next two years.

NEW YORK has voted \$101,000,000 to widen the Erie canal. They can give Colombia cards and spades any day.

NEWSPAPER readers who have kept track of current events during the past year must have been impressed by the activity of the war department in teaching the practice as well as the theory of war. The army and the national guard have been engaging in joint maneuvers, and officers of experience are a unit in commending the new departure as a move in the right direction for the welfare of the country. So long as European countries maintain their present large standing armies it is incumbent upon the United States to be prepared for any emergency, and to do this our army must have the benefit of all the practice possible.

PROBABLY no grand jury in the state was more of a "busy body" than was the late grand jury of Cole county which returned 106 indictments. Quite a number of these indictments were against persons charged with selling liquor illegally. Two lawyers, E. E. Luckett of Jefferson City and Prosecuting Attorney Stone of Cole county were indicted, the former for an attempt to fix the jury in the Farris case, in which he was counsel for the defense, and the latter for charging and collecting illegal fees. Senator Jewell of Kansas City was also indicted for his connection with legislative boodling, being charged with offering a bribe to his fellow senators.

THE members of the St. Louis committee, who are managers of Jos. W. Folk's campaign for governor, have the "stuff," and Eld. E. M. Richmond of Fayette is getting his share of the Folk campaign slush-fund by delivering "good government" speeches in which he has made slanderous attacks on the political record of Hon. Jas. A. Reed, who is one of Mr. Folk's most formidable competitors in the contest for the Democratic nomination for governor. Richmond's boast of his receipt of a part of the slush-fund, his advocacy of "good government" and the circulation of campaign lies make him resemble very much a dirty and dilapidated fragment of linen on a diminutive piece of shrubbery. In plain English he looks like a filthy rag on a bush.

ELDER E. M. RICHMOND of Fayette, a vociferous shouter for Jos. W. Folk, admits that he was wrong in the statement he made to the effect that Mayor Jas. A. Reed was a Republican. Then in the next breath the reverend gentleman gloats over the fact that he was paid \$337.61 by a committee in St. Louis for his services in making "good government" speeches during the month of August, and says he thought it was just as right to receive pay for making speeches in the interest of "good government" as to receive pay for preaching the gospel or advocating any other good thing. We hope these statements have eased Eld. Richmond's conscience, and more particularly as regards the slanderous lie he circulated concerning Mayor Reed's party record. "An honest confession is good for the soul," but can a man be "honest" and sell his "influence?" That's what John A. Lee and others did who are in trouble for boodling in the Missouri legislature. We can understand how an honest man can advocate the candidacy of another from principle and be entitled to the respect of his fellows, but when he does so for pay we regard him as we do any other sort of a boodler, and we believe he could not be trusted one iota further either in public or private life.

WILLIAM ZIEGLER, a multi-millionaire of New York, who owns the principal stock of the Royal Baking Powder Co., and who was recently indicted by the Cole county grand jury for furnishing money to bribe members of the Missouri legislature, is reported as saying that "a northern man cannot get justice in Missouri." Most likely justice is not the thing Mr. Ziegler wants, and for that reason he is on the dodge.

AN item is going the rounds which ought to settle once and for all the vexatious race problem. A few months ago a colored maid gave a portion of her skin to be grafted on her mistress who had been badly burned, but that the physicians are now greatly alarmed because the skin all around the burns is turning black. They are afraid the lady will soon be entirely black skinned. Now, of course, says Mrs. L., "that would be hard on this particular woman, but think of the great benefit to the world. The negro question could be once and for all speedily and effectually solved. All we would have to do would be to give a little of our white skin to our colored brethren, and nature and time would do the rest. What an easy solution!"

IT is perfectly clear, as it has been growing clear for several years in better times, that the old dependence of the West on New York for money to move the crops has come to an end, says the Minneapolis Tribune. It has been understood for some years that western banks no longer borrowed money in New York for fall uses; that they simply withdrew their own money from deposit with the New York bank. Even this was a terror to the speculators who wanted to borrow the western balances for their own operations. This year it has been proved that the West can even afford to leave its balances in New York, if the speculators will only pay high enough interest for use of it. It is evident that there is western money enough to move the crops, even without withdrawing all of the balances kept in New York.

OUR DUTY TO PANAMA.

Much is being written about our duty to the new republic of Panama and a multitude of suggestions have been offered to the government.

There are those who are of the opinion that the government at Washington was the power behind the throne which made possible a successful revolution on the part of the people of the isthmus. Assuming this to be true, the government finds many supporters, while others condemn such a course as being an unwarranted interference in South American affairs.

But in all of this discussion the fact seems to be lost sight of that the government of Colombia, by its greediness and stubbornness and trickery, as in a fair way to forever obstruct the building of the great Panama canal, an undertaking greater in itself than any South American republic.

Civilization demands the construction of this great waterway, and civilization is greater than any state or nation. Civilization is for all nations and peoples, and when one country stands in the path of progress, to the detriment of all other peoples, such country by all laws of right and justice must take the natural consequences of its rashness and imprudence.

That seems to be the fate that has overtaken the republic of Colombia. The people of Panama, themselves eager for the canal and its resultant prosperity, were face to face with a problem requiring heroic measures.

Those heroic measures were taken when the people of the isthmus rebelled and founded a republic of their own.

The birth of the new republic

of Panama makes possible the construction of the canal without any further trouble, whereas before the work was obstructed by the government of Colombia.

If, as has been charged, the United States was an agent in bringing about the revolution, then the United States is an agent of civilization and should be so regarded.

For civilization demands the immediate construction of the Panama canal.

Our duty to Panama is to see that no country, South American or European, interferes with it, for such interference would tend to obstruct the construction of a waterway which means much to the commerce of the world.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Probate Pointers.

ALLOWANCES.

Est. Thos. J. Folkens: Pritchett college, note for \$313.41; same, note for \$1,965.45; est. A. Musgrave: Wm. E. Hill, note for \$107.66; est. Sterling P. Lee: Wm. Titus et al, account for \$76.80; est. Henry Wiltman: W. R. Sweeney, account, \$15; Westenkuehler Bros., account, \$13.31; Clearman Furniture Co., account, \$40; J. F. Welch, account, \$58; C. C. Hammond, account, \$10; Staats & Bunnell, account, \$14; est. J. M. Turner: Keytesville Signal, account, \$4.70.

Est. Wm. H. Brandt: Final settlement, Wm. Lehnhoff, executor, continued.

Est. F. Henry Wiltman: Inventory and appraisement examined and approved.

Est. J. X. Mitchell: Chas. E. Finch, administrator, is granted an order to sell insolvent notes belonging to said estate.

On application of O. P. Ray, administrator of the estates of Elizabeth and Catherine Rawlins, annual settlements of said estates are continued until next term of court.

Est. Lewis Coleman: Jos. O. Vance, administrator, presents receipt of heirs showing compliance with order of distribution, made on final settlement, and administrator is discharged.

Est. Sarah M. Henderson: T. J. Henderson, guardian and curator, presents receipt of said ward, showing payment of balance due on final settlement, and guardian and curator is discharged.

Est. Jas. Holt: Julia Holt, administratrix, presents proof of notice of letters of administration, which is examined and approved. Same as to estate of George Herman. Ellen M. Herman, executrix.

Est. W. Jas. Tillerson: John W. Tillerson, administrator, presents proof of order of publication for sale of real estate to pay debts, etc.; also proof of service on heirs living in this county. Order of sale granted, to be public or private, and for cash.

Est. heirs W. S. Wright: C. K. Mauzey, guardian and curator, presents petition for sale of real estate in Rothville, and it appearing to the court that said sale would be for the interest of said wards by loaning proceeds, sale is ordered, to be public or private, and for cash.

Est. Geo. W. Rhody: On application of John W. Rhody it is ordered that he be and is appointed administrator of said Geo. W. Rhody's estate. Bond in the sum of \$1,000 approved, with S. W. Riley and S. W. McConnell as securities. Jas. Bell and Silas Riley appointed as wit-

nesses to make inventory.

Est. Wm. H. Brandt: Wm. C. Brandt, one of the executors of said estate, presents order of publication of his intention to resign as such executor, and also present his resignation, which is by the court accepted, and executor is discharged from all further liability in connection with administration of said estate.

Est. Jas. T. Plunkett: L. H. Herring, administrator, is ordered to deliver to J. A. merchant notes aggregating \$4,165.33, given by said Merchant to said Plunkett, proof having been made to the court that said Merchant has delivered to said Plunkett a quit-claim deed to certain lands, and upon delivery of which deed said notes were to be delivered to said Merchant as paid or cancelled.

On motion of Rosa Brandt, legatee under the will of Wm. H. Brandt, it is ordered that Wm. Lehnhoff, executor of the last will of the said Wm. H. Brandt, be cited to show cause why he has not paid to the said Rosa Brandt the sum of \$100 left her by said will, it appearing to the court that there are ample funds in the hands of said executor for the payment of all claims and legacies.

Estate Amanda and Nannie E. Ray, now Amanda Anderson and Nannie E. Glover, J. S. Wields, guardian and curator: Said guardian and curator presents his statement and petition, having the force and effect of a final exhibit of his accounts as such guardian and curator, and which is objected to by said wards. The court, after hearing the testimony in said cause, doth find that said guardian is indebted to each of said wards in the sum of \$124, each, with interest from Feb. 12, 1891, to Nov. 12, 1903, now amounting to \$260.64, each. And said wards, being now of age, said guardian and curator is ordered to pay to them the said sums of money found to be due them.

Last will and testament of the late Lemuel D. Brummall of Salisbury is admitted to probate on the testimony of T. M. Bently and W. S. Stockwell. Charlotte D. Brummall, the widow of said Lemuel D. Brummall, is named in said will as executrix thereof without bond, and she is so appointed by the court. All of the decedent's property, real, personal and mixed, is left to his wife during her natural life, and at her death it is to be equally divided in four parts between their three sons, Robt. H., J. D. and L. Don Brummall, and the children or their descendants of the testator's daughter, Ora Belle Thorp, the deceased wife of Henry Thorp. J. H. Wayland and J. O. Richardson were appointed by the court as witnesses to make inventory. The will was made Sep. 7, 1896.

Annual settlement of estates approved as follows: A. Johnson, second; John Knappenberger, first; heirs Margaret Biegel, third; Jos. A. Klepper, first; Ruth M. Klepper, first; Sterling P. Lee, first, which shows a balance of \$3,340.71, and John H. Lee, executor, is ordered to make a partial distribution of \$2,600 as follows: John H. Lee, specific legacy, \$500; John H., Martha W. and T. J. Lee, \$350, each; Lena Hurt, Eva Horton and Willis and Ona Plunkett, \$175, each; heirs W. S. Wright, sixth; Magdalena Miller, thirteenth; Jas. Holt, first; J. P. Jacquot, first, and ordered that said estate be suspended from docket until administrator is ready to make final settlement; Mabel Gray, second; Ollie and Oscar E. Lacy, second; heirs DeWitt Chapman, fifth; heirs W. H. Glasscock, first; A. Hagen, second.

Final settlements of estates approved as follows: Walker Conrad, J. B. Dameron, guardian and curator; estate exhausted, and guardian and curator discharged: Wm. Keene, O. G. Dameron, administrator; balance of \$105.98 is ordered distributed to heirs; Richard Gutzchebach, Wm. Pilatz, administrator; balance of \$224.57 ordered distributed equally between Mrs. C. Gutzchebach and Emma Sasse; F. W. Wagner, Wm. Pilatz, executor; no balance, and executor is discharged; Strub Bros., Julius C. Strub, administrator; no balance, and administrator is discharged; Henry Strub, Mrs. Anna Magdalena Strub, executrix; balance of \$5,970.39 is ordered distributed according to the last will of decedent; Chas. J. Turner: L. H. Herring, administrator, presents receipts for balance shown on final settlement, and administrator is discharged.

ond; heirs J. T. Plunkett, second; Jas. T. Plunkett, second.

Last will and testament of the late A. G. Houston of Wayland township is admitted to probate on testimony of Fred Lamb and M. F. Reager as subscribing witness. By the terms of the will the executor thereof is directed to sell all of decedent's personal and real property and divide the proceeds between testator's children, each, the one-ninth part of thereof, as follows: C. O., C. A., W. B., Jas. L. and Fletcher Houston, Katie Jackson, Addie Dunn and Leona Wood, and one-ninth to deceased's grandchildren, Ruth and Ralph Houston. The will provides further that Mrs. Leona Wood is to have the preference at the sale of decedent's 73-acre farm, which the executor is directed to hold for one year after testator's death, and if the said Leona Wood then tenders to said executor a sum equal to \$40 an acre for said land, the executor is directed to make and deliver to her a deed to said farm. B. C. Jackson is named in the will as executor without bond, but he refused to qualify, and he and C. O. Houston have been jointly appointed as administrators of said estate with will annexed. Bond in the sum of \$1,500 approved with Fred Lamb and Heber L. Hayes as securities. The will was made Oct. 7, 1903.

Messrs. Cunningham & Cropper of Keytesville, who are among Chariton county's most extensive farmers, and who are always enterprising and never do anything by halves, are building a mammoth icehouse with a capacity of 12,000 tons, and have also just constructed a large pond covering an area of four acres in the southern suburbs of this city, and which, when filled, will average about five feet of water in depth. They now have a gasoline engine pumping water from the Musselfork into the pond at the rate of 470 gallons a minute, and estimate that two-weeks' pumping, day and night, will be required to fill the pond, which will not only make a good place to harvest ice, but will also afford fine boating during the summer season. Messrs. Cunningham and Cropper propose to furnish ice to all who desire it at the moderate price of 25 cts. a hundred, and believe they can make good money out of the business even at that low figure.

Mrs. G. S. Savage of Chicago and Mrs. E. J. Gibson of Winslow, Ariz., are visiting Keytesville relatives. Mrs. Savage was formerly Miss Saidie Dimmock, while Mrs. Gibson's maiden name was Miss Sarah Ward. Both of these ladies are looking remarkably well, and they appear to be getting younger as they grow older.

For these cold nights buy your blankets at J. W. Wayland's.